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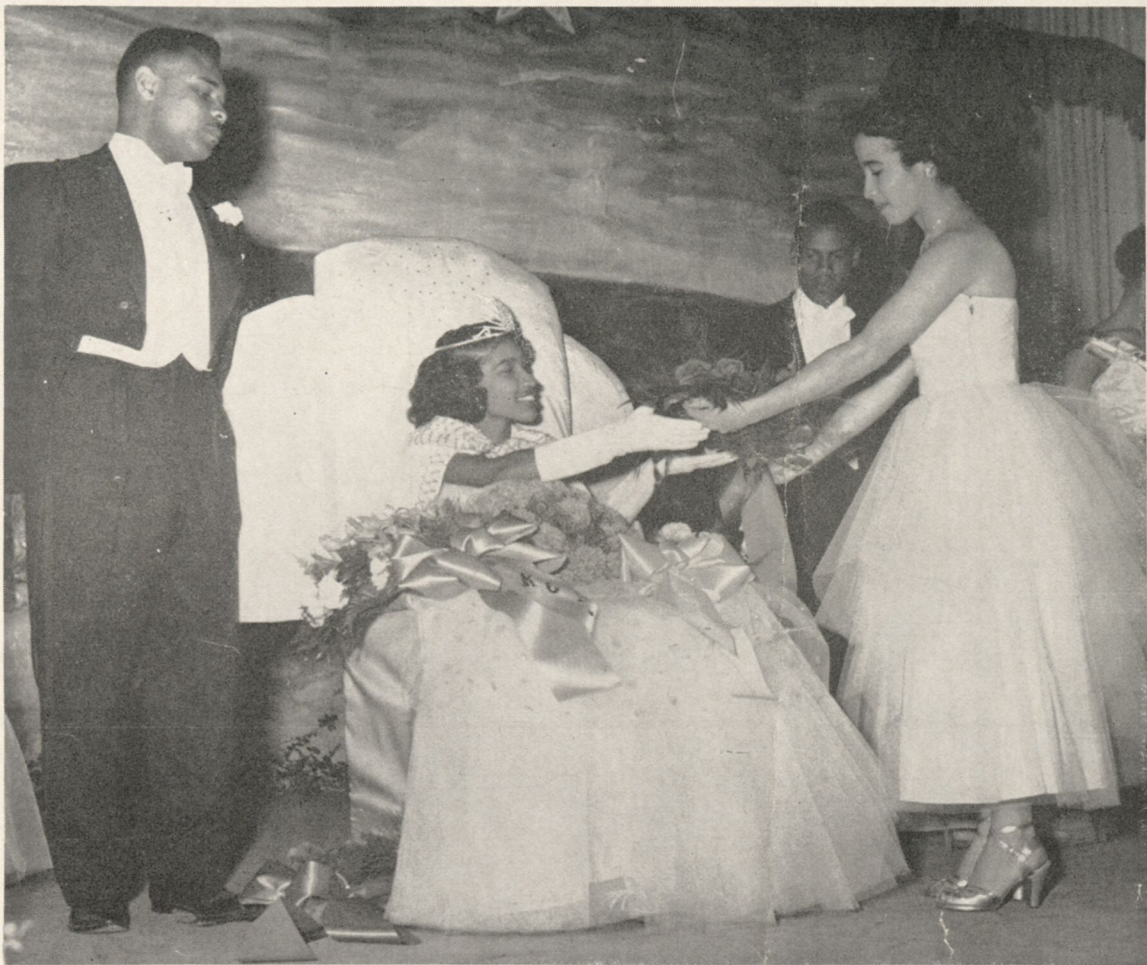
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## Department Head Recently Attends Conventions

Dr. J. D. Singletary, Head, The Department of Education, recently returned from the convention held by The American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, in Chicago, Illinois.

Representatives from 269 colleges and universities were in attendance at the meeting during which important resolutions pertaining to higher education were approved.

During the annual election Dean L. D. Haskew of the college of Education, The University of Texas, Austin, was named president-elect to succeed Herbert D. Welte, president, Teachers College of Connecticut, New Britain, who took office as president. Retiring president was Dean M. R. Trabue, college of Education, The Pennsylvania State University.

The Annual Meeting of the Association for Student-Teachers was held during the period of the AACTE meeting, and Dr. Singletary attended both national conventions.

## General Inspects R. O. T. C.

BRIGADIER GENERAL VONNA F. BURGER, Commanding General Division Artillery, First Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas visited the Prairie View R.O.T.C. Cadets recently.

Exhibitions, ceremonies, and assemblies were conducted as a part of the program-of-activities conducted during the General's visitation.

Top Picture —

A TOKEN of ESTEEM . . . for the lovely queen of the College was extended by various club-representatives at the Coronation. Making the above presentation to Miss Prairie View is Erma Johnson, as the Queen's escort, Andrew Perkins (left) looks on.

Bottom Picture —

THE OUTER COURT AWAITS HER MAJESTY . . . Opal Johnson, queen of the campus. Proceeding to the inner court is Sammie Ruth Lewis, one of the queen's attendants, escorted by Paul S. Thomas.



## Plans are Big for Texas Association Of New Farmers

"Remembering that Texans do big things in a big way, we are looking ahead with confirmed resolution to make this the best year yet for Vocational Agriculture and the New Farmers of America," were the words of Dr. E. M. Norris, State Adviser for the Texas Association of New Farmers of America.

In keeping with the feelings projected, the State Judging Contest and Twenty-Third Convention of the Texas Association of America will be held June 2, 3, and 4, at Prairie View A. & M. College.

Provisions are being made for N. F. A. and 4-H Club educational exhibits at the First Annual Agricultural Exposition to be held at the College, March 5-6.

The Summer Forestry Camp for N. F. A. and 4-H Club boys will be held July 19-23 at E. O. Siecke State Forest, Kirbyville, Texas.

The State Adviser suggests that all applications for Establishment in Farming Awards should be in his office by March 1.

The N. F. A. program provides many wholesome opportunities for development and citizenship participation on the part of its members.

## On To Biloxi

Several students, majors in the Department of Physical Education, attended the Southern District Convention of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation which convened in Biloxi, Mississippi, February 24-26.

Faculty personnel accompanying the students were: Mrs. Myrtle Hyman and Dr. J. C. Mitchem, both members of the instructional staff, Department of Physical Education.

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## COLLEGE HAILS 'MISS PRAIRIE VIEW'

### All-School Career Conference Success

The Third All-College Career Conference which was observed February 7-9, brought to the campus more than thirty outstanding consultants from the fields of business, industry, engineering, radio and TV, education, social service, medicine, science, religion, insurance, and real estate.

In answer to the theme of the Conference, "After College What?" Mr. John W. Rice, Secretary-Manager, Dallas Negro Chamber of Commerce, in an address to the general assembly stated: "After the theory received in the classroom, one begins practice in the market-place of the world."

Religious service, a vesper program, general convocations, twenty career-discussion groups and a panel composed of visiting consultants and campus personalities comprised the two-day conference.

In summarizing the Conference activities and points of view, Dr. E. B. Evans, President of the College, expressed to "The finest student-body in this country" the need to live a life of service; be good (prepared in your field); be honest with yourself and others; and be dependable."

Mr. J. A. Randall, Acting Head, the Department of Sociology, served as Chairman of the All-College Career Conference committee, and Dr. J. L. Brown, Director of Extramural Services, served as Coordinator.

### Attend Religious Conference

Five members of the college staff attended the Faculty Conference on Religion in Higher Education held recently at the Christian Youth Foundation Camp near Athens, Texas.

Attending the Conference were: Miss A. L. Campbell, Head of the Department of English and Romance Languages; Rev. L. C. Phillip, Dean of the Chapel; Dr. J. D. Singletary, Head of the Department of Education; Mr. Charles D. Churchwell, Instructor-Library Science; and Dr. W. Levi Cash, College Counselor and Professor of Psychology.

"In selecting the Conference leaders, every attempt was made to secure the services of some of

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"I Dub Thee, Queen!" might well be the caption of the ceremony pictured above as President E. B. Evans places the crown on the head of Opal Johnson, Miss Prairie View, during the Coronation ceremonies, February 6. To the immediate left of the throne is Andrew Perkins, the queen's escort. (Other pictures of the coronation appear on page 4)

## Education Conference To Convene March 5

"Community-Related Program of the Public Schools for Negroes in Texas," is the theme of the 25th Annual Education Conference sponsored by the College.

The conference will convene Friday morning, March 5, beginning at 8:00 o'clock.

"Emphasis, this year, is being placed on the role of the principal in projecting a school-community related program," advised Dr. G. R. Woolfolk, Chairman of the Prairie View Research Committee.

Approximately 1,000 superintendents, principals and public school teachers attend the Education Conference annually.

The annual program is sponsored in cooperation with the Cooperative Program for Educational Administration and is undertaken

with the view of improving the quality of the services rendered by school administrators in their respective communities.

Members of the Prairie View Research Committee include: Dr. J. M. Drew, Dean of Instruction; Mr. S. W. Davis, Professor of Education; Mr. H. T. Jones, Principal of the Prairie View Training School; Dr. E. M. Norris, Professor of Agricultural Education; and Dr. J. L. Brown, Director of Extramural Services.

## Agricultural Exposition To Be Held March 5-6

The First Annual Agricultural Exposition will be held at Prairie View, March 5 and 6.

The Exposition will feature the exhibitions of Vocational Agriculture Teachers, Home Making Teachers, County and Home Demonstration Agents, Soil Conservation Workers and other Agricultural Agencies throughout the State.

First, second, third and fourth place prize-ribbons will be awarded for corn, potatoes, syrup, livestock, beef cattle, sheep, cured meats, and poultry.

Mr. G. L. Smith, Dean, The School of Agriculture, believes that

"Our First Agricultural Exposition will prove interesting and worthwhile to those directly concerned with the field of Agriculture, as well as those persons who wish to receive a more objective appraisal of the work done by individuals in the agricultural sciences."

### Queen is Crowned

Midst a tropical setting, Miss Opal Johnson was crowned queen of the College in the auditorium gymnasium on February 6, 1954.

The ceremony began with the entrance of the outer court composed of some twenty couples. Dressed alike in short white evening gowns and wearing the "queen's" ribbon of red, green and yellow, they added to the colorful ceremony. The inner court was composed of the queen's two attendants, Misses Edwardlene M. Fleeks and Sammie Ruth Lewis—who served for Nola Jane Simon who graduated at the end of the first semester.

Miss Prairie View, after marching to her throne was escorted by Andrew Perkins, Feb. 1954. Dr. Evans, president of the College, crowned her. Their was a presentation of flowers to Miss Johnson by various clubs and organizations on the campus showing their respect

A brief floor show was given in honor of the queen, composed of a solo, "Stranger in Paradise" by Kay Francis Jones, and two dance numbers by Shirley Thomas, Col. (Continued on Page 2)

### Income Tax

### Institute Held

The Department of Business Administration of Prairie View A. & M. College held its Third Annual Income Tax Clinic recently.

The clinic was designed to provide students and staff personnel with helpful information to assist them in filing their income tax returns for 1953.

Promoted by the class in Accounting, of which Mr. W. D. Swindall is instructor, three evening sessions were conducted. Speakers at the assemblies were: Mr. B. S. Farrell of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Houston; Mr. J. C. Rawls, Professor of Economics; and Mr. W. B. Watkins, Clerk-Manager, Maintenance Department, both of Prairie View.

"Individual Income Tax Returns"; "Procedure in Preparation of Returns"; and "Client's Responsibility in Planning Transactions and Submitting Data" were the topics discussed by the respective speakers.

Faculty personnel of the Department of Business Administration are: Dr. A. S. Arnold, head, Miss Lillian B. Garnett, Miss Mary L. Burton and Mr. W. D. Swindall.



## Cooking and Baking Courses Are Offered Here

The newest course offered in the Division of Industrial Education at Prairie View A. & M. College is Commercial Cooking and Baking. The courses, specifically organized to prepare men and women as cooks, bakers and waiters, was born out of the great need for skilled culinary artists in the State, and the demand by young people to learn the art of preparing large quantities of food into nutritious, beautiful and delicious meals.

Prairie View, for 77 years a leader in functional education, inaugurated the program early in 1952. The consultant services of outstanding specialists within the State and throughout the nation were secured in helping to plan the organization, administration, designing and equipping of the program and physical plant for training the cooks and bakers.

Mrs. Lucille Bishop Smith of Fort Worth, a noted authority on foods and food preparation, assumed the position as head of the new department for Cooks and Bakers in 1953.

Presently, the Commercial Cooking and Baking department is engaged in a \$25,000 expansion program. According to Mr. A. I. Thomas, Director of Industrial Education, the faculty cafeteria at the College will be remodeled to accommodate the various laboratories and classrooms for the department. The latest and best of hotel and restaurant equipment is being purchased for use in these laboratories, and the entire expansion program is expected to be completed during the spring of 1954.

Without a doubt, the curriculum, teaching staff, and training facilities for students in the commercial cooking and baking trade at Prairie View will become the finest of its kind in the South.

## Advanced Degrees Are Received

Prairie View graduates who received advanced degrees at the winter commencement exercises of Kansas State College, January, 1954 were: Milton Baker Flemings (B. S., 1939) ; and James Hilliard Williamson (B. S. 1944). Both received the Master of Science degree.

## The Prairie View Standard

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E. B. EVANS, Editor-in-Chief  
A. C. ALEXANDER, Managing Editor



PREPARING TO PREPARE . . . Members of the Commercial Cooks and Bakers class, Division of Industrial Education, display a table of "goodies" prepared with the help of their instructor, Mrs. Lucille B. Smith.

## And So They Sew

Once per week a group of faculty wives on the Prairie View Campus assemble to "take a load off their feet" through constructive relaxation.

How? 'Tis simple; they sit and crochet.

"The whole thing just seemed to have happened all of a sudden, and it has just kept happening," stated one of the participating crocheters.

Mrs. Mary Wren, wife of J. L. Wrenn a member of the instructional staff, Division of Industrial Education—and Girl Scout Leader for the Prairie View community, provides the know-how while the learners provide the small talk and effort which go into making the learning situation both profitable for home decoration, and pleasantly defying to the "never-finished-work-of women" philosophy.

## P. V.-ites With The Military

25th DIVISION, KOREA—Army 1st Lt. Cameron S. Wells, Jr., whose parents and wife, Ernestine, live at 2622 Wichita Street, Houston, assisted in the operation of releasing more than 20,000 anti-communist Chinese and Korean prisoners when they were returned to UN custody last month.

Lieutenant Wells, supply officer in 1st Battalion Headquarters of the 25th Division's 14th Infantry Regiment, helped to guard the Freedom Road from Panmunjom to Inchon to insure the prisoners safety.

An Army man since August 1951 he arrived in Korea last November from an assignment at Fort Ord, California.

The lieutenant is a 1951 graduate of Prairie View, and a member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

## Attend Religious Conference

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the most outstanding speakers in the nation," stated Miss Campbell, a member of the Conference Planning Committee.

Conference speakers included speakers from the University of Chicago, Rice Institute and the University of Houston, who centered their addresses around the theme of the Conference, "Christianity In a Secular Society."

Representatives from colleges and universities in Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma constituted the Conference-membership.

## Queen is Crowned

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leen Phillips and Andrew Walls. This was followed by a graceful dance by the Royal Family.

The following persons served on various committees that contributed to the success of the affair:

Decorations: Miss Pearl Sewell, Mrs. J. A. Randall, Mr. Leroy Weaver, Mr. A. E. Greaux, Mr. A. A. Lee; Costumes: Miss Pearl Foreman, Mrs. Julia Owens; Music: Kathryn Jordan, Mrs. Essie C. Lopez, Mr. Leonard Bowden; Miss Myrtle Brown, Mrs. Key Atllis White, Mr. Melvin B. Tolson; Resources: Miss Betty P. Hunter, Miss Anne Campbell; Engineer: Mr. F. G. Fry; Consultants: Mrs. R. L. Bland Evans, Mrs. Blanche Johnson, Mr. H. E. Fuller.

General Chairman was Miss Ella W. Cullins with Mr. James E. Nix, Co-Chairman. Supporting student organization was the Les Belle Lettres with Ethel Stanton, president as Student Chairman.

Music for the dance that followed the ceremony was provided by the Prairie View Collegians.

## Vets Successful in March of Dimes

We have the feeling that there are few, if any, projects conducted on a national scale more worthwhile than the "March of Dimes" annual campaign" stated members of the New Progressive Veterans Club in a recent meeting. The membership, which has approved several worthwhile projects for the Club during the year, rededicated themselves to fulfilling the purposes of the organization in their January meeting and pledged to sponsor the campus drive for "dimes" to a successful conclusion.

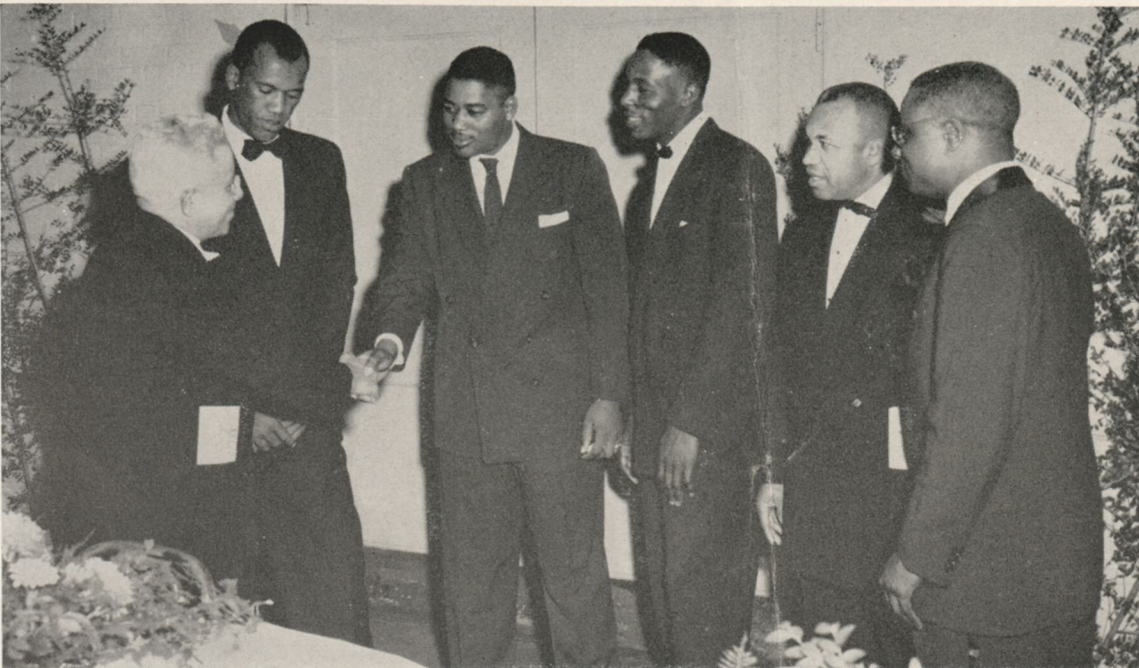
New officers recently elected to fill vacancies include: Richard Price, vice president; Harold Blow, business manager; Franklin Taylor, sergeant - at - arms; Earl Mosley, parliamentarian; Arlington Broughton, reporter; James Hall, Chaplain. Henry Scranton was appointed Sports Director and "Tiny" Johnson was encouraged to assist with sports' activities, also.

The organization's basketball team, "The Vet Quint," undertook to defeat the Panther-five in the gymnasium January 26, in a benefit game for the "March of Dimes" campaign. Final score of the game was the Panthers 60, The Vets 28.

Campus solicitations for the March of Dimes effort continued through February 2. The goal in view the sponsors add, is "the closest we can come to \$500."

Added Notes of Thanks

The New Progressive Veterans Club wishes to thank the entire student body for its fine participation in the "March of Dimes" campaign; particularly, the Baptist Prayer Group, the Church of God in Christ Group; the Society of Architects and Engineers, the Culinary Arts and Culture Club; the Club is also grateful to the College staff who helped to make the drive the success that it was.



ALL-AMERICANS, ALL! . . . President E. B. Evans congratulates All-American football players Charles Wright, Elijah Childers and Charlie Brackins and Head Coach W. J. "Billy" Nicks as Chairman of Athletic Council, C. L. Wilson looks on. The occasion was the Annual Football Banquet held recently in the Prairie View Dining Hall.

## Secretaries Refresher Is Refreshing

"After having had experience, it certainly seems odd, yet refreshing to sort of go to school again," quoted one of the members of the secretarial staff of the College following a session of the In-Service Training Program for secretarial employees which was recently begun.

The program, initiated and sponsored by the College, is designed to provide in-service training for the secretarial staff with the view of improving the competencies in the secretarial field, thereby making possible better job-classifications and envisioned salary readjustments in accordance with secretarial classifications.

Campus administrative offices were "dead" for a brief period as the secretaries attended one of the training sessions. The occasion was the lecture of Miss Velma Ramsey, Secretarial Science Instructor at Arlington State College, who provided helpful information to the College "pen and pounder" staff.

The only unanswered question in the secretaries' minds now is, "When will the 'bosses' in-service training program begin?"

## On to Study

Mr. Lloyd K. Williams, a member of the instructional staff, Department of Mathematics, departed the campus at the end of the first semester.

Mr. Williams has returned to the University of California to complete his work for his doctoral degree in Mathematics.

Prior to his departure, the instructor was notified of his election as an associate member of the California Chapter of Sigma XI, national honorary society.

## The College Objectives Have Been Formulated

"The Prairie View A. & M. College objectives are now formulated and will be released very shortly," stated Dr. G. R. Woolfolk, Chairman, The Executive Committee on College Objectives.

The objectives, recently drawn, were derived from the total participation of the College faculty, and "It is hoped that they will serve as a blue-print for further development of the institution's program," the Chairman observed.

The college program and its anticipated services have been studied over a period of three years in an attempt to arrive at those

## To Attend National Music Meet

Dr. R. von Charlton, Head, the Department of Music, will attend the Music Educators National Conference which will convene in Chicago, Illinois, March 25-31.

Dr. von Charlton will serve as Chairman of the Literature Committee for the National Piano Division in Colleges and Universities of America during the Conference.

The Department Head is well known throughout the state and nation for his piano virtuosity and his contributions to the field of music.

## Join R.O.T.C. Staff

Captain Thomas I. Caines, born in the Panama Canal Zone, and whose current home address is New York City, has recently joined the F. V. military staff.

The Captain is a veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

His awards and decorations include: Bronze Star with three

## Medical Assembly Meets March 1-4

Prairie View will serve as host to the Postgraduate Medical Assembly which will be held on March 1-4.

The Assembly is held annually, and attracts many of the outstanding Negro medical specialists, both male and female within the state and nation.

Outstanding speakers, demonstrations, exhibits from various drug companies and health organizations are regular features of the Conference which is designed to acquaint the physicians and dentists with the latest techniques and developments in their respective professions.

## Article To Be Published

Dr. John C. Mitchem, Professor of Physical Education, and statistician for the Departments athletic activities, is senior author of an article to appear in the *Research Quarterly*, periodical for the American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation.

The article, "Influence of Exer-



DR. JOHN C. MITCHEM

cises, Emotional Stress, and Age on Static Neuromuscular Tremor Magnitude," written by authors Mitchem and W. W. Tuttle, will appear in the March, 1954 issue of the Journal.

Very modest about the forthcoming article, the professor admitted that, "Somehow, it seems to be part of one's growth to continuously study and seek to make a very small contribution to one's field of endeavor."

The professor became a member of the Prairie View faculty during the summer of 1953.

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What makes a woman think that because you drank a quart of milk yesterday you want to drink a quart today and every day till death?

I can't easily get in the mood for spending \$25 for an evening's dinner and entertainment for two, although I find it not unpleasant if the check is paid by someone else.